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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Hassett:

The Department of State Police ("Department") received nine public records requests from you, dated April 11 and April 26, 2012, in which you requested booking photos for Larry Baoine, Dennis Chandler, Arnold Campbell, Alvin Campbell, Vincent DeScicio, Joseph R. Russo, Francis P. Salemme, Guido St. Laurent, and George McLaughlin, for various periods of time.

To the extent that the Department possesses any relevant records to your request, your request is denied under exemption (a) of the Massachusetts Public Records Law. G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26(a). Specifically, G.L. c. 6, § 172 prohibits the dissemination of criminal offender record information (CORI). CORI is defined as "records and data in any communicable form compiled by a Massachusetts criminal justice agency which concern an identifiable individual and relate to the nature or disposition of a criminal charge, an arrest, a pre-trial proceeding, other judicial proceedings, sentencing, incarceration, rehabilitation, or release." G.L. c. 6, § 167. The Supervisor of Public Records has previously determined that booking photos fall within the definition of CORI. See *Supervisor Cote correspondence to Andy Metzger, Somerville Journal*, April 22, 2011.

If you wish to appeal this denial, you may contact the Supervisor of Public Records in accordance with 950 CMR 32.00. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bailey
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